Stocks Hold Firm on Desultory Trading, After Moderate Improvement at Opening

ROCK ISLAND AGAIN

Opens With a Gain, But Later Declines a Point-Speculation Narrow and Insignificant.

NEW YORK, Dec. 23 .- The moderate Improvement with which the market ned today did not hold much beyond the first half hour. Speculation became quiet and prices generally sagged off, apparently through the sheer inanition

Rock Island early advanced % per cent on the report that the company had abandoned its proposed extensive refunding and improvement mortgage, but subsequently declined nearly a point. Missouri Pacific continued to show considerable firmness. In most instances, however, railway shares declined fractionally from the best prices of the initial dealings.

The industrial group was about as dull as the standard shares, but prices generally ruled with more steadiness. There was also some improvement in Westingse Electric. Brooklyn Rapid Transit sold up % per cent, but then lost most of the gain, although it showed considerable firmness at the concessions.

The speculation was too narrow and professional to possess any significance Government bonds unchanged. Railroad bonds quiet.

WASHINGTON STOCK MARKET

SALES-Washington Gas Certificates, 1,000@113%, 1,000@113%, 1,000@113%, 1,000@113%, 1,000@113%, 1,000@113%, 3,000@113%, 1,000@113%, 3,000@113%, 200@113%.

Capital Traction, 30@1221/2. Arlington Fire, 25@30. Washington Gas, 1@57%. After Call-Capital Traction, 2@123; Lanston, 100@7%.

GOVERNMENT BONDS.
Bid. 106%

U. S. 28, C. 1930 100 /s	AU4
U. S. Se, R. 1908 107%	108
U. S. 8s, C. 1908 107 X	118
U. S. 4s, R. 1907 109%	110
U. S. 4s, C. 1907 110 %	111
U. S. 4s, R. 1925 133 %	134
U. S. 4s, C. 1927 183 ¥	134
D. C. 3.65s, 1924 120	****
RAILROAD BONDS.	
Capital Traction R. R. 4's 198	100
Met. R. R. 5's, 1925 117	118
Met. R. R. Cert. indebtedness A 102%	103
Met. R. R. Cert. indebtedness B 102%	10
Columbia R. R. 6 s, 1914 118	119
Dolumbia R. R. 2d mort. 6's 103 %	16

City & Suburban 5's..... 9) Wash. Street Railway 4's..... 71% MISCELLANEOUS BONDS. Wash. Gas Co., ser A, 6's 1902-27. 103
Wash. Gas Co., ser B, 6's 1904-27. 103
U. S. Eiec. Light, Deb. Imp. 1902. 103%
U. S. Eiec. Light, Cert. Indebt... 102%
Ches. & Pot. Tel. Com. 6's... 104%
Jash. Market Co., 1st 6's, 1802-108
Masonic hall Ass'n 5's, C, 1903... 100
Washington Gas... 112%

105

113

285

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97% TITLE INSURANCE STOCKS. TELEPHONE AND GRAPHOPHONE STOCKS. GAS STOCKS.

Washington Gas..... 56% TYPE MACHINE STOCKS. MISCELLANEOUS STOCKS.

POSTMASTER GENERAL GETS WYNNE REPORT

Deals With Recommendations and Grievances From Two Branches of the Postal Service.

Robert J. Wynne, First Assistant Postmaster General, has transmitted to the Postmaster General his report on the recommendations made by the class-ification committee of the national orgenization of postmasters, and those made by the legislative committee of the National Association of Postal Clerks.

The recommendations of the postmas-ters relate to changing the official titles of a number of men who are now on the of a number of men who are now on the rolls as clerks or bookkeepers, but are really acting as superintendents or assistant superintendents. The postal clerks desire shorter hours and larger pay for several of the lower grades of clerks, and desire to see promotions put upon a more satisfactory basis than they are now, when favoritism is said to have much to do with increased salaries.

Postmaster General Payne will take
up the reports in the near future.



[Reported by W. B. Hibbs & Co., 1419 F Street; Members New York Stock Ex-change, Chicago Board of Trade, Wash-ington Stock Exchange.]

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NEW YORK COTTON MARKET.

NEW YORK, Dec. 23.-The cotton market opened active with near posi-tions lower, but late months higher Better cables from Liverpool and a be-lief that the Far Eastern situation was better, had much to do with the early demand. Commission houses appeared to have large buying orders to cover shorts, and there was some buying for Southern account. Prices sold off under strong bear attack later. New leans also broke somewhat, and Liver pool then declined from the top. Liverpool later steadied and caused a rally here. So feverish was trade that sales of the same option frequently occurred on the opposite side of the pit at different prices.

	Opening.		Noon.	
	Bid.	Asked.	Bid. A	Asked.
March	13.48	13.49	13.62	13.63
April	13.50	13.52		
May				13.73
June				
July				
August	13.21		13.34	13.37
December				
Market opened	1 ster	ady, 1	point	lower
to 7 points high	er. 1	Noon fit	m.	
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LIVERPOOL COTTON MARKET. LIVERPOOL, Dec. 23.—The cotton market opened excited this morning, with prices 20 points up.

CHICAGO GRAIN MARKET. (Special to The Washington Times.) CHICAGO, Dec. 23.—The following prices were quoted on the grain market

oday: May 6.72

ENLARGED AQUARIUM ALMOST A CERTAINTY

No Obstacle in Con-

Advocates of the enlargement of the display of fishes in the local building of the Fish Commission into a first-class aquarium are confident help is to be had from Congress, and have gone to work to prepare figures on the matter.

the United States, if not in the world.

The only aquarium of importance in the ir. this country who are devoting their country at present is in New York, and so popular has this display become that people from all over the country, especially students of matters relating to fish, go there to study the collection on

with the few facilities at his disposal to make a fair collection of the fish bred by the men under him, and while in a by the men under him, and while in a way this exhibit is a good one, it is wholly inadequate for the purposes intended. Should the present idea prevail, the Washington Aquarium will be as much a feature of the Government's exhibits as the displays in the National Museum, the Army Museum, and the Smithsonian Institution.

While the whole scheme is still in a nebulous state, plans have been disussed so far that it is expected to have the present Fish Commission building enlarged so that specimens of about every kind of fish in the world can find a home in the structure. The cost of the mprovement is put down at

PUBLIC HEARING GRANTED ON OLD DOMINION ROUTE

Commissioners Will Hear All Interested Before Making a Report.

The District Commissioners have re-ceived from the Senate Committee on the District of Columbia, for consider-ation and report, the proposed bill authorizing the extension, construction, and operation of the Great Falls and Old Dominion Railroad into the Dis-trict. The proposed route of the road as published several days ago in The

The Commissioners announce that a ublic hearing on the matter is to be eld in a few days, and before the reort of the Commissioners is submitted

NEW YORK STOCK MARKET. CURRENT NEWS AND GOSSIP OF INTEREST TO INVESTORS

and professional operators for the fall are disposed to seize profits that accrue not find the general business outlook in to them from their transactions, even the country so discouraging that they though these profits be extremely small, feel impelled to turn these stocks into

Commercial paper is negotiated each day on terms which favor the bor-rower, reversing the rule which has try assured for the coming year steadily prevailed for over six months; 98% sell their paper more freely is assuredly be bought rather than sold if further a factor of very great importance in es-timating the present and future of busi-

to a minimum the trading possibilities 20% of the stock market. The exchange will remain closed from a state exchange will remain closed from 3 p'clock Thursday afternoon until 10 o'clock Monday morning. On the approach of any such unusual market hiatus, traders become reluctant to make fresh commitments for either account, and are inclined houses in New York have received dispreference is for short stocks, on the theory that anything unexpected de-

The flooding of the stock exchange veloping in the interim is more likely to be bearish than otherwise.

> From a purely speculative point of view the matter that is chiefly to be regarded is, perhaps, the fact that, in spite of the dullness of the market; there is a well-nigh total dearth of offerings of stocks. That is to say, using Wall Street phraseology, "stocks are scarce." Commission houses are carrying an abnormally small quantity of securities for customers, liquidation in the market ended two and a half months ago, and people who own stocks now do On the other hand, they are gov erned by the conviction that with anytry assured for the coming year the great majority of standard stocks are cheap at prevailing prices and should

The diplomatic negotiations now pending between Russia and Japan are still more or less of a damper upon activity in this market, as in every other great financial capital in the world. Great pressure is evidently being brought to bear on both Russia and Japan by the great European powers for an amicable adjustment of the difficulty. Foreign rather to reduce their lines. The reluctance to carry long stocks over a protracted holiday is most pronounced. The

declines occur.

SUES DOCTOR WHO PUT | MILK DRIVER ARRESTED BANDAGE ON HIS ARM

Litigant Severely Before Flames Were Quenched.

BALTIMORE. Dec. 23.-Because iniment-soaked bandage bound around his injured arm caught fire and severely burned him, William H. Higdon, of Sparrows Point, now sues for \$1,000 damages the doctor who placed the bantage on him.

Higdon worked in the shippard of the Maryland Steel Company. One day last August he slightly injured his left hand. He went to the office of Dr. J. S. Woodward, the company's resident surgeon and there had the hand bandaged by Raymond Hussey, an assistant of Dr. Woodward. On the bandage Dr. Hussey used for a lotion a compound tincture of benzoin, commonly known

as Friar's Balsam. While on his vay home Higdon stop-ed on a vacant lot to light his pipe. A strong wire was blowing and in triking a match against the bowl of the pipe the burning head flewo off and fell on the bandage. In an instant it was ablaze and Higdon alleges that he as severely burned before he could extinguish it.

May 6.45 6.47 damages upon the defendant.

BEAD-WEAVING FAD

Advocates of Plan Declare They See Mrs. Roosevelt Adds Another to Her Already Long List of Accomplishments.

Even the White House is not free from the fads which delight American women. Mrs. Roosevelt has added bead weaving to her long list of accomplishments, and has become an adept in the It is the intention to make the aqua-rium the largest and most complete in the Indian women of America. art which was formerly monopolized by

leisure time to the making of bead chains and belts, Mrs. Roosevelt is manipulating the tiny looms devised by Indians centuries ago for the weaving of webs of dainty beads.

Ethel Roosevelt and her young friends have chains and belts which are the handiwork of the first lady of the land. Mrs. Roosevelt first learned bead needle-work while at Oyster Bay last summer, and since then she has shown many of her friends how to make the dainty beadwork articles which are now so much in vogue.

HOW OLD MUST DOGS BE TO BE ARRESTED?

Health Officer Woodward Propounds a Question Similar to "How Old Is Ann?"

Dr. W. C. Woodward, Health Officer, has requested the Comptroller of the Treasury, or the Corporation Counsel, whichever official may be proper, to submit an opinion for the guidance of the District authorities and of the bounded under the provisions of the present law, may lawfully be released without payment of the pound fee because the canine is below any given age, and, if so, what the age is.

Dr. Woodward says it seems desirable

that some uniform rule should be es-tablished with reference to this matter.

Getting Rich. send for him to treat them for imaginary

FOR ABUSE OF HORSE

It Caught Fire From Match and Burned Case Where Poor Employe Declares He Is Made the Scapegoat of His Employer.

> Albert F. Moore this morning was driving a milk wagon belonging to Pat rick A. Cudmore, proprietor of the Eckington Dairy. The horse was thrown down by the swaying of the wagon, near the market, on Louisiana Avenue, being weak that he could not get up.

The incident was witnessed by several policemen of the First precinct, and by Agent J. R. Rabbitt, of the Humane So.

Agent Rabbitt placed Moore under arrest. After being confined in a cell, Moore broke down and wept bitterly. He told a story which touched all wh himself, but was afraid of the effect of his arrest on his wife, who is in a dellcate condition. Moore has been out of work for some time.

On Monday week Moore had an opportunity to go to work for Cudmore. When ordered to take out the brokendown old horse, he had no alternative but to give up his position, which, under the circumstances, was impossible He felt very keenly that he should be made the scapegoat for the sins of his employer.

A man who heard the story promptly put up collateral for Moore's release.

COURT RECORD.

Equity Court, No. 1—Justice Ander-on—Le Noir vs. Le Noir; reference to xaminer for further proof. Birch vs. Sirch; auditor's report confirmed. Beecher vs. Beecher; defendant ordered examiner for further proof. Birch vs. Birch; auditor's report confirmed. Beecher vs. Beecher; defendant ordered to pay certain money for maintenance of complainant.

Equity Court No. 2-Justice Gould-

Bloomingdale—John Sherman Estates of compainant.

Equity Court No. 2—Justice Gould—Almarolla vs. Holtzman; pro confesso as to certain defendants ordered. Empire State Realty Company vs. Hughes: confirmation of auditor's report vacated and re-reference to auditor. Ralston vs. Kernan; auditor's report confirmed and distribution ordered. Boughton vs. Eastwood; dismissal of bill ordered. Dee to vs. Herfurth; reference to auditor to state amount due S. Lyon as attorney. Garrity vs. Means; appearance of absent defendants ordered.

Circuit Court, No. 1—Justice Barnard—Pabst Brewing Company vs. Marinelli, judgment by default. Holtzman vs. Bartlett; on trial. Killian vs. Raub; notes sued on ordered delivered to plaintiffs upon filing copy. Waller vs. Fowles et al.; Lotion for new trial filed. Circuit Court, No. 2. Chief Justice Clabaugh—Gans vs. Bieber; leave granted to amená motion to vacate; plaintiff's attorneys, Wolf & Cohen; defendant's attorneys, Wolf & Rosenberg. Rittue vs. American Ice Company; verdict for plaintiff for \$3,769; plaintiff's attorney, J. J. Darlington. Columbia National Bank vs. Towles; plaintiff's attorney, J. J. Darlington. Columbia National Bank vs. Towles; plaintiff's attorney, J. J. Darlington. Columbia National Bank vs. Towles; plaintiff's attorney, J. J. Darlington. Columbia National Bank vs. Towles; plaintiff's attorney, J. J. Darlington. Columbia National Bank vs. Towles; plaintiff's attorney, J. J. Darlington. Columbia National Bank vs. Towles; plaintiff's attorney, J. J. Darlington. Columbia National Bank vs. Towles; plaintiff's attorney, J. J. Darlington. Probate-Court—Justice Wright—Estate of Michael Burke; petition to continue business and for sale of stock. Attorneys Scheehy & Sheehy.

Estate of Daniel P. Wright; answer to r. r. le to show cause. Attorney, E. A. Newman.

CLERICAL CHANGES

Clerical changes in the Navy Depart nent have been announced as follows Appointments-B, Frank Cash, specia aborer (typewriter), at \$2.80 per diem Bureau of Construction and Repair; D. A. Teller, special laborer (bookkeeper) at \$3.04 per diem, Bureau of Supplies and

Promotions-Mrs. N. H. Crocker, from custodia of archives at \$1,200 per annum to custodian of archives at \$1,400 per annum. Hydrographic Office.

Resignations—J. A. Sedgwick, clerk at \$1,600 per annum, Bureau of Construc-

OFFICES TO CLOSE EARLY.

Louis A. Dent, Register of Wills for "So the doctor's making money, is he?"
"Well, I should say so. Why, he's reached hat point of prosperity where fashionable wombat prosperity where fashionable wombat point of prosperity where fashionable wombat stated that his office will be closed at 12 noon.

WOOD MAKES A REPLY TO ATTACKS OF ENEMIES 46th ISSUE OF STOCK

Presents His Side of One Case at War Department and Says Runcie Is Behind Charges.

Seccretary of War Root made public today the first reply Maj. Gen. Leonard Wood has issued in answer to the many attacks made upon him. The reply is in the form of a letter, dated Manila July 23, and is addressed to the Assistant Adjutant General of the Army General Wood says:

"I have the honor to invite your attention to statements made in the editorial columns of the 'New York Sun of June 2, 4, and 9, and later dates which clearly charge me with conduct of most censurable character; perhaps

contemptible would be a better word. "I also invite your attention to the source from which the paper claims to have obtained its information, namely, statements of First Lieut. James Run-cle, late major, United States Volunteer Cavalry, 'made to various reliable parreferred to the Inspector General of the quired under the circumstan es, or to any other authority which the War Department may deem proper. I inclose herewith a statement of the facts in the case, together with true copies of letters, extracts from letters, etc., bearing on the subject.

"The matter is now one of three and one-half years' standing, at I during the greater portion of this period I have been within easy reach of the aggrieved party, or parties. The statement in-closed gives the addresses of most or the persons who have more or less knowledge of the affair.

"It will be noted that many of the etters are confidential in character, the originals of which are in the confiden al files of the Secretary of War. The statements referred to in the let-

Commissioners Heed the Appeal of Secretary Charles F. Weller, of the Local Relief Association.

The District Commissioners today directed Auditor John R. Garrison to pay to the treasurer of the Citizens' Relies Association such funds as are available for disbursement from the interest ac cumulation of the centennial inaugura relief fund.

Action was taken upon the request of Charles F. Weller, secretary to the Citi-zens' Relief Association, who says additional funds for charitable work are

The centennial inaugural relief fund is made up of any surplus moneys un-expended by the citizens' committee in charge of the inauguration ceremonies.

This fund was started several years ago, when the unexpended contributions of citizens for the work of the inaugural committees was turned into a relief fund instead of returning the money to the contributors.

The fund was given into the care of the District Commissioners, as trustees and each year the accumulated interest is turned over to the treasurer of the Citizens' Relief Association for public charity work in the District.

REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS.

G Street northwest between, Ei eenth and Nineteenth Streets-Julia W. Harris, part original lot 11, square 142,

necticut Avenue Highlands Company to John Sherman, lots 1, 2, and 25, block 2, 310.

Bloomingdale—John Sherman Estate Company to Mary E. Robinson, lot 20, square 12, 33,000.

Mount Pleasant and Pleasant Plains—Eugene A. Atchison et ux. to Johan and Margaret Koerner, lot 54, block 3, 310.

Randle Park—F. Oakar Martin to George J. Schweppe and Philip Schwartz, lots 13 and 14, block 1, and lot 56, block 3, 31.

Ridge Street northwest, between Fourth and Fifth Streets—Mary C. O'Connor et vir, John D., to Kate V. McInerney, part lot 37, square 513, 35.

Kate V. McInerney et al. to John A. Roche, part lot 38, square 513, 310.

O Street northwest, between Ninth and Tenth Streets—Edmund Lutes, trustee, to Mamie Beckstein, lot 15, square 366, 310. Sarah A. Roe et al. to same, same property, 310.

1935 Te::perance Avenue northwest—Mary C. Schaefer to Newton M. Brooks, lot 55, square 274, 310.

Virginia Avenue northwest, between Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Streets—Virginia M. Wilson to Ollie Stafford, part original lot 2, square 43, 310.

G Street northwest, between Eighth and Ninth Streets—Jane C. Hitz to Augustus S. Worthington, one-eighth interest in lot 3, and part lot 2, square 405, 310. Same to John S. Flannery, one-eighth interest in same property, 310.

Moore & Barbour's Second Addition—Louis H. Meyers et ux. to Edwin A. Niess, lot 25, block 5, 310.

Barry Farm—Etta Lockwood to Georgiana R. Simpson, part lot 25, section 9, 310.

Thirty-second Street northwest, above Q Street—Ernest L. Schmidt, trustee, to Martha A, Swindellis, part lot 23, square 9, 310.

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